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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
EASTERN DIVISION

HETTIHEWAGE DHARMASENA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE  
COMPANY,

Defendant.

Case No. 5:23-cv-01510-JGB-KKx

**JUDGMENT**

Trial Date: June 2, 2025

Complaint Filed: August 1, 2023

Pursuant to the Court's Order Granting Plaintiff's Rule 52 Motion for Judgment [Dkt. No. 41], the Plaintiff hereby submits the following [Joint Proposed] Judgment.

On May 29, 2025, the Court issued its Order Granting Plaintiff's Rule 52 Motion for Judgment. [Dkt. No. 25]. The Court Found and Ordered that Hettihewage Dharmasena has established his disability under Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's plan terms. The Court Ordered the plaintiff to lodge a proposed judgment consistent with its Order. [Id.]


1 Based on the medical evidence reviewed by the Court, Dharmasena is totally  
2 disabled from his own occupation. Plaintiff has abandoned his case for short-term  
3 disability benefits. He is therefore entitled to an award of benefits and is entitled to  
4 recover LTD benefits. [*Id.* at p. 16].

5 Dharmasena's LTD benefits were to commence August 5, 2022, in the gross  
6 amount of \$4,816.46. His initial Social Security Disability award was \$2,184.00.  
7 Dharmasena's net benefit after the reduction for Social Security Disability benefits  
8 is \$2,632.48. Dharmasena is entitled to 34 months of past benefits, (\$89,504.32)  
9 plus reinstatement to the Plan for a determination of his right to future benefits.  
10 MetLife shall calculate the past benefits based on an interest rate of 5.29%.

11 The parties are ordered to meet and confer regarding the issue of attorneys'  
12 fees and costs under 29 U.S.C. § 1132(g). If the parties are unable to reach an  
13 agreement, Plaintiff is ordered to file his motion for attorneys' fees and costs within  
14 35 days of the execution of this Judgment.

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16 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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18 Dated: June 16, 2025

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20 Honorable Jesus G. Bernal  
21 United States District Judge  
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